



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6
Soil moisture supplies: 34% very short, 30% short, 34% adequate, and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Hot and dry conditions were experienced throughout the state last week. Dry conditions allowed many rice producers to harvest, with reports of good yields in many areas. Rice harvest progress exceeded last year and the five-year average. Corn and sorghum harvests also made good progress, surpassing their five-year averages. Soybean producers were spraying fungicides and insecticides. Sugarcane producers were planting cane and spraying for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were planting fall bell peppers, cabbage and cucumbers. Strawberry producers prepared fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The hot and dry weather allowed cattlemen to make good progress in the second cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	100	98	99	98
	Harvested	66	33	61	41
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	98	98	98
	Bolls Opening	43	24	39	27
Hay	Second Cutting	82	70	90	81
Peaches	Harvested	100	96	94	98
Rice	Headed	98	92	98	97
	Ripe	65	45	69	67
	Harvested	41	19	37	35
Sorghum	Coloring	100	98	100	95
	Mature	84	75	83	77
	Harvested	53	21	63	39
Soybeans	Blooming	99	96	99	99
	Setting Pods	95	91	91	94
	Turning Color	33	17	38	41
	Dropping Leaves	9	2	20	23
	Harvested	3	N/A	9	2
Sugarcane	Planted	16	5	21	14
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	3	25	36	29	7
Corn	13	21	31	32	3
Sorghum	10	24	42	24	0
Soybeans	7	13	41	33	6
Rice	2	3	21	47	27
Sugarcane	9	14	31	37	9
Livestock	3	12	44	37	4
Vegetables	14	20	38	26	2
Sweet Potatoes	6	3	18	73	0
Pasture	15	24	36	23	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/08/11 TO 08/14/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	83	0.00	0.22	16.93	33.14
Minden	105	74	90	82	0.00	1.71	20.00	35.63
Mooringsport	(109)	74	92	MM	0.00	0.42	19.21	29.21
Shreveport South	108	75	92	MM	0.00	0.51	17.06	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	109	74	91	83	0.00	0.47	MM.MM	33.80
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	102	71	88	83	0.50	1.90	26.66	36.14
Homer/Hill Farm	104	70	89	81	0.03	1.21	20.45	35.66
Bienville 3 NE	103	71	88	82	0.00	1.75	24.97	39.32
Farmerville	103	71	89	MM	0.93	4.05	23.50	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	104	70	88	82	0.37	1.62	MM.MM	36.81
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	102	69	85	82	1.51	1.88	28.75	39.00
LSU-St Joseph	99	72	88	82	0.09	3.11	30.94	37.56
Tallulah	100	72	87	82	0.33	2.10	30.34	38.80
Extreme/Average	102	69	86	83	0.92	1.99	28.75	38.07
4. West-Central								
Leesville	103	75	89	81	0.04	2.94	18.46	36.42
Ashland	104	70	89	81	0.05	0.06	20.12	35.74
Hodges Gardens	102	75	89	MM	0.00	0.65	18.38	36.20
Extreme/Average	104	70	89	82	0.03	1.80	18.46	35.88
5. Central								
Alexandria	104	77	90	83	0.00	0.68	20.79	38.08
Jonesville Locks	99	75	87	82	0.00	4.94	23.70	37.95
Eunice	99	76	88	84	0.00	4.35	20.90	37.63
Bunkie	99	(63)	86	82	0.57	2.40	21.29	39.44
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	82	0.00	4.14	27.30	39.14
Extreme/Average	104	63	88	83	0.14	2.48	20.99	38.58
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.60	7.49	31.51	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.11	11.15	36.30	42.99
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	82	0.00	5.84	27.35	42.23
Slidell	94	76	86	82	0.99	13.48	31.19	41.48
Extreme/Average	94	76	86	82	0.99	13.48	31.19	42.53
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	102	77	90	82	0.00	1.21	19.59	38.38
Jennings	96	77	87	82	0.46	5.88	24.46	37.37
LSU-Crowley	97	75	86	82	0.14	4.21	26.01	38.32
Oberlin Fire Tow	99	73	87	83	0.00	4.11	20.49	41.98
Extreme/Average	102	73	87	83	0.15	3.85	22.48	38.33
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	75	84	82	0.49	4.96	25.02	39.87
LSU-Jeanerette	95	76	85	81	0.35	6.61	24.52	39.94
Morgan City	95	74	85	81	0.87	7.29	25.49	41.28
Lafayette	97	78	87	82	0.44	13.35	35.58	38.90
Extreme/Average	97	74	85	83	0.54	6.13	25.26	40.49
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	95	77	86	MM	0.11	7.33	20.96	36.19
Galliano	96	78	87	82	0.05	9.59	32.28	42.94
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	84	0.02	7.22	21.47	41.63
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.73	8.14	32.32	42.42
Extreme/Average	96	77	87	83	0.06	8.46	20.96	41.74
State Averages	109	63	87	83	0.33	4.51	23.65	39.39

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 14, 2011

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